

#7/a  
Dmt  
8-29-02

I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT THIS CORRESPONDENCE IS BEING DEPOSITED WITH THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE AS FIRST CLASS MAIL IN AN ENVELOPE ADDRESSED TO: ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS, WASHINGTON, DC 20231, ON THE DATE INDICATED BELOW

BY: Patricia Wright DATE: July 17, 2002

PATENT

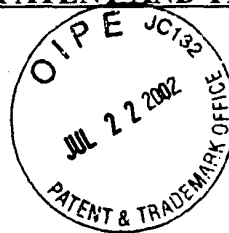
**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re: Patent Application of  
FitzGerald, *et al.*

Appln. No.: 09/870,762

Filed: May 31, 2001

For: METHODS AND COMPOSITIONS FOR  
DETERMINING LIPID PEROXIDATION  
LEVELS IN OXIDANT STRESS  
SYNDROMES AND DISEASES



: Group Art Unit 1623

: Examiner: Ralph J. Gitomer

RECEIVED

: Attorney Docket  
: No. 053893-5024

JUL 26 2002

TECH CENTER 1600/2900

**AMENDMENT**

This amendment responds to the Office Action mailed February 28, 2002 (Paper No. 4), sent in connection with the above-referenced application.

This amendment is being timely filed in view of the accompanying Petition for a Two Month Extension of Time, and associated fee, which extends the time for a response to the Office Action to and through July 29, 2002 (July 27 and July 28, 2002, being a Saturday and Sunday, respectively).

Kindly amend the application as follows:

**In the Claims:**

Please amend claims 1, 11, and 13 without prejudice, as set forth below. A "marked-up" copy of the claims indicating the changes is attached hereto.

1. (Amended) A method of measuring the level of lipid peroxidation in a mammal suspected of having an oxidant stress syndrome or disease, wherein said oxidant stress syndrome or disease is Alzheimer's disease, said method comprising

21